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TAGS: CGEN (HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD)

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: UNITED STATES V. HANFF

REF: 76 STATE 239522; 76 STATE 176458

1. KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD HANFF, BORN NOVEMBER 2, 1926 AT
CZESTOCHOWA, POLAND, RECENTLY APPLIED FOR NATURALIZATION
AS A U.S. CITIZEN, IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH HE HAS MADE
SEVERAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIS NON-INVOLVEMENT IN ANY
CRIMINAL MATTER. HOWEVER, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
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SERVICE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HANFF ACTIVELY COOPERATED
WITH NAZIS IN COMMITTING ATROCITIES IN POLAND DURING THE
GERMAN OCCUPATION. IF SO HE IS GUILTY OF VIOLATING 18 USC
1425 (ATTEMPT TO PROCURE NATURALIZATION CONTRARY TO LAW).
HANFF CLAIMS HE WAS IN VILNA (VILNIUS) LITHUANIA AT ALL
RELEVANT TIMES, HAVING MOVED THERE WITH PARENTS AT AGE
TWO.

2. FOR MOSCOW: UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN INFO ON HANFF'S CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN VILNIUS FROM 1928-1945, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY APPROACH TO MFA REQUESTING CHECK OF ALL PERTINENT RECORDS

(INCLUDING SCHOOL RECORDS, ETC.) FOR ANY INDICATION OF HANFF'S PRESENCE DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION. EMBASSY MAY INFORM MFA THAT RESULTS OF THIS REQUEST WILL BE USED IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO PROSECUTE HANFF FOR VIOLATION OF 18 USC 1425. FYI: SUCH PROSECUTION COULD BE PRELUDE TO HANFF'S DEPORTATION, BUT SEE PARA 3 OF 76 STATE 176458.

3. FOR WARSAW: JUSTICE DEPT BELIEVES THAT HANFF WAS ACTUALLY IN CZESTOCHOWA BETWEEN 1928 AND 1945. IF SO, RECORDS FOR THAT PERIOD SHOULD INDICATE HANFF'S PRESENCE. JUSTICE THEREFORE REQUESTS SEARCH OF ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO HANFF. IF SCHOOL RECORDS, POSTAL RECORDS, MILITARY RECORDS OR ANY OTHER SOURCE SHOW HANFF'S ADDRESS DURING LATE 1930'S EARLY 1940'S, JUSTICE ASKS THAT NEIGHBORS BE INTERVIEWED TO DISCOVER WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY USEFUL KNOWLEDGE OF HANFF'S ACTIVITIES. IF SUCH INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED, JUSTICE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY WRITTEN REPORTS THEREOF.

4. WARSAW (CONT'D): PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS REQUEST IS NARROWER THAN THAT MADE IN 76 STATE 239522, AND IS MORE URGENT SINCE NEEDED IN A PROCEEDING WHICH IS NOW UNDER WAY.

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5. FOR USBERLIN: PLEASE HAVE BDC FILES RESEARCHED AND REPORT RESULTS. VANCE

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